

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No. : 10/617,455 Confirmation No. 3240  
Applicant : Yingyong Qi, et al.  
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Art Unit : 2628  
Examiner : Jeffrey A. Brier  
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Customer No. : 23696

Commissioner for Patents  
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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Non-Final Office Action dated February 4, 2009, the period of response for which runs through May 4, 2009, please amend the application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 15 of this paper.